

NIH Inclusion Data by Research, Condition, and Disease Category Report Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is median proportion displayed?

The proportion of participants is highly sensitive to outliers and skewed distributions. Therefore, the median proportion is displayed to show the percent of individuals included in a typical project associated with the research, condition or disease category. You can view the total participants and other information by clicking on the “Detail” button in the upper right-hand corner of the report.

2. Are RCDC categories mutually exclusive?

No. RCDC categories are by their nature overlapping (for example, Brain Disorders, Neurosciences, and Mental Health). See the [RCDC Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#).

3. Can participants be counted in more than one category?

Yes. All participants enrolled in a project’s studies are included in each research, condition, or disease category applicable to the project. Research projects are often applicable to more than one RCDC category. For example, participants in a project examining the incidence of several different cancer diagnoses may be included within the Cancer category, but may also be included under Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Lung Cancer, etc.

4. Are all Research Condition and Disease Categorization (RCDC) categories included?

Categories that do not follow the standard RCDC categorization process are not included.

5. Why are some categories labeled <11 or <1%?

Due to privacy reasons, data are suppressed or summarized when small numbers of participants would be displayed in the resulting categories. When any group within a category has less than 11 participants (including null values), <11 is displayed. Percentages less than 1% (including null values) are shown as <1%, and all other percentages are rounded to the nearest full digit.

6. Can I compare the RCDC budget data with the data in the RCDC Inclusion Statistics Report?

Inclusion data do not map directly to RCDC budget data. The data are processed differently. For example, inclusion data are divided according to the administering institute or center; in contrast, RCDC budget data are divided according to the funding institute or center. Therefore, accurate conclusions cannot be drawn by comparing the RCDC budget data with the data in the RCDC Inclusion Statistics Report.

7. Where can I find more information about RCDC categorization?

Visit the [Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization process website](#) or browse the [RCDC Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#).

8. Who can I contact for inquiries about this report?

You may contact inclusion@od.nih.gov.